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DEVICE FOR FORMING A COLOR IMAGE, SILVER HALIDE COLOR
PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL, AND A DEVICE FOR PROCESSING A
PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL

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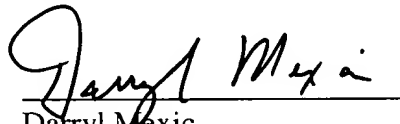
request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

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